

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 25th, 1828.

Gentleman of the Senate,

We return you the bill entitled, an act to fix and regulate the time of opening the Orphans Court of Dorchester county on the respective days of meeting of that court and for other purposes, and request a reconsideration of the same by your Hon. House, from the peculiar location of the seat of justice in the said county, a large portion of the persons having business with the orphans court, from a want of a definite and known period of limitation to its sessions, are frequently exposed to oppressive and vexatious delays. With a view to the remedy of such inconvenience, and to gratify the common wish of the people of Dorchester county, the bill in question has been devised. We therefore request that your honorable house will pass the said bill.

By Order,

Gideon Pearce, Clerk.

Mr Forrest from the committee made a favorable report upon the supplement to the act for the establishment of vestries for each parish in this state. The said bill was then read a second time.

Mr. Kennedy presented the petition of sundry citizens of Hager's-town and Harry's-town, praying for the opening of an alley from Franklin street, Hager's-town, to Harry's-town, which was read and referred to Messrs. Kennedy, Dennis and Whitely.

The President laid before the senate the memorial of Samuel Knox, late principal of Frederick academy which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The President laid before the senate a communication from the States' Agent for the Eastern Shore.

To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland.

The undersigned, State Agent for the Eastern Shore of Maryland, having received the appointment under which he now acts, about the time of adjournment of the last session of the general assembly, has occasion to report only his proceedings since that period.

In pursuance of the directions of the act "to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts and collection of the public revenue," passed at December session 1824, the agent, commenced in the month of May last, the tour required to be performed at that period of the year, and completed the same with the least possible delay. It is with much satisfaction that he is enabled to state, in justice to all